

My Darling

I have to thank you for the
two numbers of your valuable work, for
which I am much obliged. The entire
nature & description of such a work
is a matter of great importance to
General Science as well as to that
of America in particular. You will
know me that I have taken the
liberty of criticising your opinions
on justice regarding negroes,
which is certainly my incommitt
(See Col. Diggins for Art.)

I had not sent you any
letters with pleasure if I
had not been obliged to make



Dear

Asa Gray
New York

it a note never to lend out
specimens. Formerly, and
in and till lately, I sent portions
of my specimens to various collectors,
but I find that the accidents of
traveling are so numerous,
the alterations are so various, and
in consequence that - I have been
contrained to relinquish doing so.

If the specimens were not glued
down upon firm paper it could
not matter. In making the
note of course I must make
it general. I think however
Dr. and Mr. Proctor will help
you very materially in your
labour regarding Aster. All

But I think *Agrostis* is
numerous species, and yet
have not an idea how they
are to be retained any further
than there has been done in
that book. If you commence
a further distinction of species
you will have to abolish
 $\frac{2}{3}$ of those on record.

Very truly yours

John Henshaw